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Dear Alan,

Wish I'd thought of this the other day when we chatted. I have two interests in the ACLU suit vs the Army on the spying:

As investigator on the Ray/Aing case and because I am reasonably certain that some of the espionage of which I know, on me, may have been by the Army.

The Chicago papers are not available here. If you can supply me with clips of what they carry, beginning with the court hearings, that could be very helpful. I don't know whether you people have time to file major stories.

I am certain that at some point it will come out that the Army was spying on Aing. It is now known that they did cover his funeral, and it is likely they covered the Memphis garbage-workers' strike. It is not impossible that they had an arrangement with Hoover on this, for Hoover never stopped looking for dirt on Aing and made extensive use of what he did get on Capitol Hill.

The ACLU, which filed the suit, will probably get a transcript. I know none of them in Chicago and the Washington rep is lethargic (kind description). I'd like very much to get a xerox of the proceedings after they are over. I'll pay their costs, of course. While I think it would make no difference to them, my first use and my immediate interest is to supply this to Bud Fensterwald, who is now Ray's lawyer and is my friend. He has already asked Laird for everything, and if Laird says there is nothing, such proof might help shake loose what they are hiding.

I may try and phone you this p.m. about this, for the papers may not be readily available by the time this letter reaches you.

It could be very helpful if this is not too great a burden for you and you can do it, esp. the transcript, the cost of xeroxing of which should not be great. If they are unwilling to trust me, I'd appreciate it if you would pay them and I'll send you a check immediately.

Enclosed also is the clip on the high-class Saigon whorehouse, with Chicago gals. This, as I told you, does not seem to be the kind of operation catering to dogfaces. It was probably designed for an elitist clientele, and that is not inconsistent with intelligence interest - if not operation.

Thanks for anything you may be able to do, and I hope you have a good year.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg